

NIXON-ISRAEL  
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PRESIDENT NIXON REAFFIRMED THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL TODAY AS THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA CELEBRATED ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE IN JERUSALEM.

"I SALUTE YOU TODAY AS PEOPLE WHO TRULY SHARE THE HERITAGE OF TWO GREAT NATIONS, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES," NIXON SAID IN BRIEF REMARKS THAT WERE TO BE CONVEYED BY NEW YORK GOV. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

ROCKEFELLER, WHO HAS LONG WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, CANCELED A SCHEDULED TRIP TO JERUSALEM BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW GEORGE BARTOL IN BAR HARBOR, MAINE FRIDAY.

IN THE BRIEF TEXT OF HIS MESSAGE, NIXON SAID, "IN MY RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET LEADERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, I MADE CLEAR THE COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD BE JUST FOR ALL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

"BE ASSURED THAT OUR DEDICATION TO THESE GOALS IN ABIDING AND THAT OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THEM WILL REMAIN UNDIMINISHED," NIXON SAID.

NIXON'S MESSAGE ALSO SAID:

"THE UNITED STATES IN THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NEVER ABANDON ITS FRIENDS. I HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN THE MILITARY BALANCE TO ENSURE STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST--AS A FOUNDATION FOR NEGOTIATION OF A RELIABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL CAN NEVER BE COMPROMISED IN THIS PROCESS."

A ROCKEFELLER AIDE SAID THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGES WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE MEETING.

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